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TO: All ISIS HR Paid Agencies

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Director

SUBJECT: Direct Deposit and Direct Payment Month – MAY 2002

The annual "Direct Deposit and Direct Payment Month 2002" sponsored by the National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA) will be May 2002. This month is nationally designated to increase awareness of Direct Deposit. Governor Foster has joined this initiative by proclaiming the month of May as Direct Deposit Month throughout the State of Louisiana.

Direct Deposit is a <u>safe, confidential, convenient, fast and proven service</u> that is provided at no cost to the employee. The chance of having a problem with a check is 20 times greater than with Direct Deposit. If a problem does occur with Direct Deposit it is much easier to correct. It saves both employees and the state time and money.

Agencies are encouraged to take the time this month to identify employees who are not on direct deposit and to encourage participation and to always promote the benefits of Direct Deposit to all employees. Agencies are reminded that a proposed rule has been issued that will require direct deposit as a condition of employment. The final rule should be effective July 1, 2002. Although this does not apply to current employees, agencies should continue to encourage those current employees who are not on direct deposit to sign up.

Refer to OSUP Memorandum #2002-40 for additional information about the proposed rule. A subsequent memo will be sent in the future giving more information about the final rule.

For more information on "Direct Deposit and Direct Payment Month 2002", visit the following websites:

http://www.directdeposit.org http://www.doa.state.la.us/osup/direct_deposit.htm

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